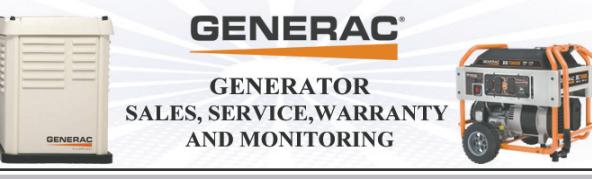


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Jacob Blais takes off from the starting line on Feb. 23 at the Pinestone Resort. He was competing in the Haliburton Dogsled Derby four-dog race. See story on page 12.

Extra-curriculars back on: teachers union

By **Matthew Desrosiers**

Despite encouraging teachers to resume extra-curricular activities last week, Ken Coran, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), said parents shouldn't expect all of them to do so.

At a press conference on Feb. 25, Coran said although the

new-look Liberal government is saying the right things, there are still hard feelings among members.

"I want to make it very clear that it is not likely [all teachers will resume extra-curriculars]," he said. "A significant portion of our membership is upset right now, even with this change in direction."

He estimated that 20 per cent of teachers will never return to

those activities.

"I have never seen the passion [that I have] from our local leaders that are representing these 60,000 [OSSTF] members," Coran said. "Some people are just so upset with how this whole scenario started and played out that they may never come back."

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Head Lake bridge funding denied

By Lisa Harrison

The province has declined to fund replacement of the Wallings bridge at Head Lake in Haliburton.

The county submitted an expression of interest letter last year for \$1.7 million under the new Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative and placed its own proposed \$190,000 contribution in a 2013 bridge reserve fund.

County treasurer Laura Janke told council at its Feb. 20 meeting the province gave no specific reason for its decision.

"The only information they were able to give us is they didn't have an analysis of each project right now but what they were saying was it was either how much we're asking for or raising locally, [or] how critical the project was."

Janke reported Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills

requests were also declined. Dysart et al and Highlands East MIII funding requests have moved through to the next stage of the approval process.

Councillors discussed the province's differing responses with Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey and Highlands East reeve Dave Burton, speculating as to whether the declined projects would have been approved if municipal funding portions were higher or if the projects had been closer to being shovel-ready.

Fearrey and Burton agreed to report back on their project details for comparison.

Janke said she will follow up with the province to see whether the county can still be considered for the funding in some way, such as being placed on a waiting list.

County public works staff reported they will continue to monitor the Head Lake bridge and are preparing/revising asset management plans while the province develops its funding programs.

Federation warns not all will return

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Some teachers have found other organizations to volunteer with and now no longer have the available time for extra-curriculars, he said.

The federation's announcement is a sign of goodwill from the OSSTF due to a change in the government's approach to negotiating.

"What we have seen is a shift to the way business used to be done," he said. "There's a willingness on the government's part to collaborate, to re-engage in a collective bargaining process that is understood, that is fair [and] that is transparent."

He said bargaining will take place at both the local and provincial levels, with the process starting as early as this week.

"I would predict as things are known and things evolve, more and more people will likely come on board and resume [extra-curriculars]. I see this as a growing process."

Asked at the conference whether or not the loss of extra-curricular activities has had any effect on public school

Some people are just so upset with how this whole scenario started and played out that they may never come back.

Ken Coran
President, OSSTF

already been done.

"We want this new government to show us there will be fairness, respect and a guarantee that democratic rights will be protected," said Coran. "We believe, right now, that is the case."

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Highlander news

Farmers market a delicious challenge

By Will Jones

The fate of the proposed summer farmers market in Haliburton Village is up in the air.

Last year's fall market at Rotary Beach Park was a failure due to lack of attendance by vendors and the public, and, while both the council and market association want to offer Haliburtonians a market in 2013, there are numerous challenges to overcome if that is to happen.

In a letter to Dysart et al council, the Haliburton County Farmers Market Association (HCFMA) outlines the assistance that it will require from the municipality if the market is to go ahead.

Angel Taylor, chair of the HCFMA, writes that the association appreciates the council's invitation to hold a market on Tuesdays throughout the summer but that adding a second market to the schedule (the first being the current Friday market in Carnarvon) generates "substantial costs, both human and financial."

"We are prepared to ante up the human resources and energy," states Taylor. "We will invest governance and promotion, recruitment and management. We do, however, require financial assistance."

The letter goes on to outline the estimated

income of a Haliburton market, which would amount to \$1,800 per annum (based on 10 vendors, each paying \$20 per table at nine summer markets), and expenses that include additional insurance and Famers Market Ontario fees.

These items have to be paid due to the fact that the Haliburton market would be considered an additional market, whereas the last year's Rotary Beach market was an extension of the Carnarvon market.

The breakdown also includes additional costs such as signage and a market manager, and requests that the market be exempt from transient trader bylaw and fees. The total estimated cost comes to around \$2,095.

"In light of these circumstances, we respectfully request that Dysart et al assist us by covering the full cost of the market until stability is ensured," Taylor writes.

Reeve Murray Fearrey considered the letter at the council's Feb. 25 meeting and stated that he and Ward 1 councillor Andrea Roberts would meet with the HCFMA to discuss their options.

"We should meet to discuss our expectations of the market and theirs, too," he said. "If we do this we want it to be a winner. We'll come back at next month's meeting to discuss our findings."

\$5,000 in granular material for use in surface upgrades.

The county will also request HATVA continue acting as trail stewards.

Highlands East to own Tory Hill yard

A bylaw transferring the former Ministry of Transportation patrol yard in Tory Hill to Highlands East has been enacted by county council.

Council enacted the bylaw Feb. 20. Highlands East will be required to pay \$2.00 plus all legal and survey costs.

Rail Trail ATV agreements renewed

Haliburton County Rail Trail Corridor ATV use agreements have been renewed with the Haliburton All-Terrain Vehicle Association (HATVA) and the Kawartha All-Terrain Vehicle Association.

County council renewed the agreements at its Feb. 20 meeting.

This year the agreements run from May 1 to Nov. 30. The earlier start date was approved previously as a trial subject to HATVA repairing any damages caused by ATV use in May.

The HATVA agreement includes that condition as well as a contribution of



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Editorial opinion

So much for solidarity

Teachers have a choice to make, and it's not an easy one.

Since December of last year, secondary school teachers in Ontario have been withholding their time from extra-curricular activities in a plan to get the provincial government back to the bargaining table.

Now that the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) is hearing what it wants from the new premier, they've decided to withdraw the hold on extra-curriculars. It's an olive branch. A sign of goodwill as the two parties get set to resume talks this week.

The problem is the federation can't force teachers to volunteer. Thus, the decision belongs to each teacher individually.

So much for strength in numbers, solidarity, and all that.

Ken Coran, OSSTF president, said in a press conference this week he expects up to 20 per cent of teachers will refuse to return to extra-curriculars, maybe for good.

He said another 20 per cent will be happy to get back to it, while the middle 60 per cent are likely to return over time as details of the new agreement are fleshed out.

The Federation has thrown its members to the wolves.

If teachers were vilified in the media before, imagine the fallout should they decide not to return to extra-curriculars after their union bosses have told them they should.

And can you blame them?

The provincial government approached talks with the teachers with a take it or leave it mentality, knowing they had Bill 115 to back them up. When the teachers tried to bargain, the province walked away, forced a contract on them and made it illegal to strike in protest.

In essence, the Liberals took away their rights to collective bargaining and forced working conditions on them that teachers had not agreed to.

The anger stems from that; it festers when these educators think back on how they

were treated at the bargaining table. It's a slap in the face they relive every time they collect a paycheck.

But that won't matter.

Now that the Federation has given their blessings to extra-curriculars, if teachers continue to hold out they will be crucified in the press and popular opinion will plummet.

This is also going to impact individual schools.

Teachers who return to their volunteer duties will be looked favorably upon, while those who do not will be shunned. Some students will enjoy their extra-curriculars because their teachers have returned, where others will continue to lose out.

Maybe you'll get football and wrestling but lose band and drama.

Teachers who decide not to return to extra-curriculars are not wrong in doing so. Bear in mind these are volunteers, and as such, it's possible they've donated their time to other groups or organizations.

By calling on their members to return to their volunteer duties, but not being able to force them to do so, the federation has left many out to dry. This decision will create tension in schools, between parents, teachers and students.

It's too soon to tell the impact this will have on our high school. It's unlikely sport seasons in limbo will fire up as the NHL did in January. You may see committees for events like Prom getting going in time for the end of the year celebration; who knows what next year will bring.

But if not all the teachers and not all the events resume, then the OSSTF has really only accomplished one thing, and that's giving people another reason to target teachers.

Only this time, the Federation isn't there to protect them.



By Matthew Desrosiers

ROTFL at ORF

Politics is packed with irony, as those of you who like to scream at your television or talk back to your radio already know. There's so much irony in fact, you can put it into categories.

There's your run-of-the-mill irony, like how every time Ontario's Liberal government brings in the rumoured-to-be more efficient, accountable and innovative private sector to fix huge problems, it ends up with inefficient, unaccountable, uninspired disasters.

Then there's delicious irony, usually the result of a profound overestimation of one's capabilities or moral rectitude, otherwise known as *schadenfreude*. Take the case of Alberta, a province that has lectured the rest of us on financial responsibility for the last twenty years and which now finds itself with a larger per capita deficit than spendthrift Ontario. Whereas Norway socked away its oil royalties and now has a nest-egg big enough to ensure its citizens' prosperity forever, give or take, Alberta used its windfall to subsidize government operations. Now it finds itself back in the 1980s, wondering if maybe the rest of Canada has some use after all.

But as far as irony goes, Alberta's deficit and Ontario's incompetence are bush league. For genuine, ROTFL irony, nobody tops the Harper government. This time I'm referring to the newly-created Office of Religious Freedom, more properly called by its acronym, ORF.

Now, an ORF that was serious about religious freedom might look at Israel, where this month women were arrested for trying to pray too close to men at a holy site. It could visit Saudi Arabia, where women are prevented from driving and often from leaving the house alone, lest they fall prey to lasciviousness or impropriety; that kind of fun is strictly for the men.

We might expect such an office to support Kurdish independence from the Shia majority in Iraq, to speak out about discrimination against Muslims in the United States, Russia and Northern Europe and threats against Gypsies and Jews in Hungary. A serious ORF would take on religious murder and violence in North-East Africa, India and Pakistan, and the persecution of Christians in these countries plus others including Iraq, Egypt

and Nigeria. And it would come up with some reasonable reason not to support religious freedom when the religion in question is antithetical to our values.

Of course the ORF will do none of these things, because its purpose has nothing to do with religious freedom, here or anywhere else. The sole purpose of ORF is as yet another micro-targeting effort by Harper's government to ingratiate itself with specific ethnic communities. To be fair, Liberals pander just as frantically to minorities; they're just not as good at it. They don't have Jason Kenney.

Now, would you believe that the very first request received by ORF was to investigate religious oppression of Tibetans in China? Depending on how many points you want to score with China's (communist, totalitarian) rulers, Tibet is either an independent country that was invaded by China in 1951 and has been occupied since, or an uppity province of the eternal Chinese empire that deliberately tries to embarrass Beijing.

Time was, Stephen Harper was in the first camp, boasting how he would follow a principled relationship with China, putting human rights first. Reality intervened. Turns out China not only sells everything these days, it buys everything too. Good thing, because nobody is buying our oil anymore.

Harper, like Alberta, bet the economy on oil — remember how we were going to be an "energy superpower"? But as the market for Alberta oil dried up over the last five years, so did Harper's convictions; his government allowed the Chinese takeover of Nexen when just months before it had blocked an Australian buyout of Potash. Whether you call that pragmatism, expediency or duplicity doesn't really matter. Tibet — the perfect poster child for ORF — will be thrown under the bus.

That's probably a good thing, because there's just no way for any government to proselytize for religious freedom in other countries without someone getting run over.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Mulligan Club not sold

Dear editor,

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Wayde Greer
Founder, The Mulligan Club

Arts Council deserves support

Dear editor,

I just read George Farrell's column in the Highlander and feel compelled to respond (see 'Arts Council hits the wall', The Highlander Issue 71, pg. 9). I was an arts council board member for three years, volunteering countless hours in order to help artists in the community gain higher profiles, provide programs such as the Artist in the Schools and the Made-in-Haliburton endeavour etc. I did not notice any mention of accomplishments in the article... just a rather negative perspective. Yes the Arts Council is at a crossroads and is seeking feedback from members to go forward. That is not new information... a plea was made at the annual meeting in November. Mistakes have surely been made and improvements and change need to occur. Is that an excuse to berate the organization? Does it really make sense to dwell on the negative, jump ship and be an active part of the demise?

By the way, I, for one, have found the directory to be well worth my cost. I have had numerous new patrons attracted to my studio as a result of the directory.

By encouraging members to leave, George is perpetuating the thinking of "them and us". Personally, I think that what is needed is an open mind, willingness to change and a desire to help to make the difficult changes necessary in order for the organization to succeed. I respect people like Laurie Carmount, who, although perhaps does not agree with the methods of the council, has joined in order to work from within and hopefully accomplish positive results.

Kudos to Chris Lind and the board for their selfless volunteering on behalf of the arts community. Let's give them our help and support.

Shelley Beach
Kennisis Lake

Gordon versus Timmy: a culinary odyssey

A friend asked me recently, "has your diet changed since you moved to Canada?"

It was a simple question but one that caused me to stop and think: to consider not just whether I'm gradually becoming immune to the repulsion that I once expressed at the mere sight of poutine but also the implications of how Canada can surreptitiously affect a man's eating habits and his waistline.

When in London, my lovely wife and I made a point of saving our pennies (now just as defunct as the Canadian ones) and eating out in some of the city's finest restaurants. We've tasted delicacies conjured by Michelin Star chefs who now ply their trade on TV and use the F-word as often as they whisk an egg. We've toured the gastronomic world, from Japan to Sudan, France and Italy to Afghanistan; each was wonderful in its own way and all were available right on our doorstep. Food was as much a hobby as a necessity and whether it was caviar or calves' brains we'd dig in expectant of a culinary adventure.

Then we moved to Haliburton.

Now, don't think that I'm a food snob, as I state this with no ill will. I'm happy to acknowledge that there are one or two very good restaurants in the neighbourhood: places that offer food on par with a top-quality London eatery. But we moved



Photo of the week

Photo by Tammy Nash

Hydro rate increases out of line

Dear editor,

My recent electricity bill from Hydro One had attached to it an interesting piece of information created by some talented spin doctors.

It said: "The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approved a delivery rate increase for 2013."

We are then told in the following paragraphs why this increase is necessary.

The second last paragraph of the information (propaganda?) part reads as follows: "Hydro One is wholly owned by the Province of Ontario. In 2011, we paid \$168 million in dividends to the province."

I looked up the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998.

Board Objectives in the first five paragraphs give the objectives of the Act, and all of them have to be consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario.

My questions are as follows:

Why were the \$168 million of dividends paid to the Province of Ontario in 2011 not applied to the rising cost of delivery?

Why is this rate increase, which has to be consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario, not a tax increase?

The rumble you feel under your feet is no earthquake. It is Sir Adam Beck, founder of Ontario's municipally owned hydro-electric system spinning in his grave. The slogan of the newly created Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission in 1906, of which he was its first chairman, was "Power at Cost" and "The gifts of nature are for the public."

This publicly-owned electricity system was created by a conservative government under the premiership of Sir James Whitney.

Just some food for thought.

Karl Braeker
Minden

The Outsider



when they come see us here in Canada.

And chicken wings, what is it about them? The sticky-hot-sweet coating, the finger-licking fun involved, the way they go so perfectly with a couple of cold beers... another 'experience' that visitors are treated to, of course.

And beaver tails. Let's not forget beaver tails.

I find them similar to pig ears, a little tough but good when cooked well. Oh, you mean the sweet ones. Hmm, I can take or leave them.

And so, in answer to my friend's question of has my diet changed since I came to Canada. Yes, most definitely. It has evolved from 'urban international' to 'Haliburton eclectic'. My waistline has not expanded too much as yet but I'm doing my best to change that, just ask the staff at Timmy's!

Just so as you know, though, cheese curds and gravy, slathered all over a perfectly good portion of French fries is wrong, so very wrong. I may not now instantly retch when I see someone shovelling forkfuls of this gloopy atrocity into their mouth but I can assure you that it'll take a lot more Canadian assimilation before you get me eating poutine!

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Will you be contributing to your RRSP this year?



David Spaxman

Minden

No, I do not have one. But my wife does, and she looks after all of those things for me. I'm lucky she plans for our retirement.

Ivan Doiron

Minden

Yes. My wife will be able to retire when I am 65.



Kandy Greig

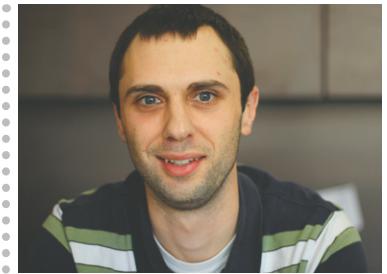
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Probably not. It has been a tight year. Everything has gone up, electricity, heat, car insurance and the bills have to be paid.

Margaret Watson

Minden

Absolutely not, because of what the government does with them. I would rather bury it in the ground and dig it up when I retire.



Stefan Bjelis

Minden

I contribute throughout the year. I find it easier to budget that way.

Have a question we should ask? Send it to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin.

THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: MACNEIL

By Mark Arike

Ellie MacNeil was born and raised on a Century farm in the small community of Coboconk. Her great-great-grandfather and his three children immigrated to the area from Ireland in the 1850s.

So although she currently lives in Miners Bay, MacNeil is spending a large chunk of her time researching the history of her hometown in the hopes of publishing a book in the near future.

"I'd like to get it out into the world by 2014," said MacNeil. "I really feel it's very important that we get this done as far as we can."

MacNeil and her friend Karin Mackie began digging up the community's history in 2010 by examining the now defunct Community Memorial Arena.

"It was built by Squires, the same construction company that built the arena in Minden," revealed MacNeil. "The arena was the hub of the community."

The two just recently "polished off" that part of their research.

The next focal point of their project was the Knox United Church (the same church that MacNeil attends).

"It celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2011," she explained. "Being sort of a historian, I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity – and good timing – to do the history of the church. I had no idea what was involved in researching. I went to the archives in Toronto several times. That kind of got me started."

They obtained valuable information by connecting with people in the community – at coffee shops and on the streets.

"The best place to go is the coffee shop in town at about 9 a.m. in the morning," she laughed. "The first year we started this, we would walk in the door at that time.

It got to the point where the men would gather around the tables, pull out the chairs and say, 'What are we talking about today, ladies?"'

MacNeil fondly remembers one of the first interviews she conducted, which brought together senior members of the community's former hockey team.

"At one time, Coby had a really good hockey team. We got five of the hockey team players, who were all over 80 [years old], together around a table. They were very shy at the beginning, but once they got started they were reminiscing. It was just incredible. Their faces came back to life, their eyes gleamed and they were having the time of their life."

Since that interview two years ago, three of those players have passed away. That's why time is of the essence when it comes to furthering the project.

"What I'm really keen on are the family stories. If they don't get printed, they don't last."

Four years ago, MacNeil and Mackie adopted a similar ideology as the late Jane Jacobs, an urbanist and activist who believed that one part of a community was just as important as the next.

"During the first weekend in May, she would do walkabouts in the community. We started doing those about four years ago," said MacNeil. "They're very well-attended. It's interesting because we get the people who have lived there all their lives, tourists, historians... and as we walk around and talk about the buildings and the businesses that were in these buildings, we're always learning new facts."

The current book of research is titled "Work In Progress" because there's always new information that presents itself.

The response the project has been getting



Photo by Mark Arike
Ellie MacNeil reviews her research material into the history of Coboconk.

so far is beyond anything MacNeil ever expected. And along the way, this historian and former teacher even discovered new information about her own family.

"I thought it was my great-grandfather who came over from Ireland, but his father came with him. So really it's my great-great-grandfather who came over from Ireland with three of his children."

MacNeil first uncovered information about her own family at www.ancestry.com.

"That's where we [genealogists] all start," she said. "I have family letters from the 1890s and '70s. They're incredible insights

into daily life at the time. I'm hoping to do something with them if the good Lord leaves me here long enough."

The Gull River runs through Coboconk and MacNeil plans on gathering all of the history of "the north side of the river" – the commercial end – for the first published document. She then wants to focus on the south side of the river, which at one time was home to seven mills.

When she's not busy researching the history of Coboconk, MacNeil works a day and a half at the Minden library and enjoys spending time sewing and quilting.

Every two weeks, for a year, we're interviewing a Highlander at random from the phonebook, starting with A.



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Highlander news

Dental Outreach to hit \$500K in treatments

Charity continues growth and expands roster

By Will Jones

Haliburton County's Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) has provided 1,321 free appointments for 278 people and carried out treatments worth just shy of \$500,000 since its inception in May 2011.

The registered charity has seen an amazing uptake of its services since day one. Over 400 people have been financially screened to assess their eligibility and the vast majority of these applicants have gone on to be treated by the VDO's dedicated team of volunteer dentists, dental assistants and hygienists.

"So much has happened in the evolution of the VDO, and so many local residents have been positively impacted by the clinic's services to date," said Lisa Kerr, VDO board member. "We are delighted to announce that local dentist Dr. Ed Smolen, along with his wife, dental assistant Dani Smolen, have agreed to join the team starting in April."

The VDO's roster now includes 12 dentists, eight dental

assistants, eight hygienists and five front desk volunteers. In addition to dentist Dr. Bill Kerr, whose vision it was that conceived the VDO, local professionals such as Dr. John Purc volunteer regularly at the clinic, while dentists from as far a field as Newmarket and Scarborough offer their services whenever they can.

"Bill's colleagues have been very supportive and we have also reached out to other professionals through the dental journals," Kerr said. "We now have a 'Dentists to the Dock' initiative, which offers accommodation in the Haliburton Highlands in exchange for time worked at the clinic. We've had a great response and are looking forward to welcoming dentists and associated professionals from around Ontario and showing them the delights of the Highlands, while providing the community with the benefit of their expertise."

All of these services come at a cost though. Last year the clinic applied for and received \$20,000 from Green

Shield Canada's Community Giving program and it raised \$28,000 at the annual VDO Golf Tournament. These large sums came in addition to the support from many local individuals, service clubs and businesses. Although the VDO has helped many county residents

there is still a waiting list for services and all help, be it professional or financial, is welcomed. Approximately \$70,000 per annum is required to meet the operating budget of the clinic.

With this in mind, the VDO is now taking registrations for its 2013 Charity Golf Tournament (to be held on Aug. 15 at Pinestone), and

there are now 27 Tooth Fairy boxes dotted around the county. Kerr asks that people donate just \$2.00 to assist the VDO in helping the poorest in our community and thanks all the local businesses who have agreed to accept a box. For more information see www.dental-outreach.com or call 705-457-3111.

So many local residents have been positively impacted by the clinic's services to date.

Lisa Kerr

Board member, VDO

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Highlander arts

Qualifiers and finding the magic

As expected, I received several e-mails regarding last week's column on the problems facing the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands. Surprisingly the majority of the feedback from artists, arts supporters, a municipal council member and a former arts council member was in support of the article.

The column, however, may have prompted a woman to ask me the other day why I thought I was qualified to write about the arts. It was a fair question and her enquiry got me to thinking that some readers might be wondering the same thing; so briefly here are some qualifiers.

My education in the arts started early seeing that my mother hung out with a bohemian crowd. She was painted and sculpted by some well-known artists and I remember meeting several of them.

Later when I was in high school in Canada I studied art and art history, and I began to draw. When I left home I gravitated to the downtown Toronto coffee houses. I lived in Yorkville during the hippie heydays and got to know many musicians and artists.

In 1970 I graduated from the Radio and Television Arts course at Ryerson University after which I opened a small photo studio in Yorkville. I was invited to many art exhibition openings, and I subsequently wrote a column on art for the

Toronto Entertainment Guide and also freelanced for Toronto Life Fashion magazine.

I travelled several times to Europe, on assignment and for pleasure, and I spent hours in every art gallery that I could find.

In the early 80s I worked as a set dresser and property master on feature films, series television and commercials. Later I became a TV producer at the CBC, where I helped produce a half-hour magazine show on disabilities.

After the CBC some friends and I formed a small video production company specializing in stories of marginalized people. Some years later when I moved permanently to the Highlands I started making promotional videos for various local organizations and then teamed with Tammy Rea and others to form Highlands Media Arts. I still work on the occasional video project.

I'm a member of both the Rails End and the Agnes Jamieson galleries and have had my abstract photos exhibited in both, and in other galleries in the Highlands.

Qualifications aside some people may also wonder how I determine what is excellent in the arts and what is less so. I have no hard and fast rules; nothing written in stone. A lot of it is intuition based on experience.

I do know that for me technique is not enough. There are

What's Up



By George Farrell

artists in all disciplines who get by on technique. Sheer technique can be dazzling, but for me there has to be more.

There must be a creative/interpretive element to any piece of art, by which it becomes not merely understandable but energizing, enlightening and sometimes even spiritual. To create such a piece takes talent which can't always be taught. To use a music example: two different guitarists can play exactly the same piece, but where one guitarist might play it in a technically correct manner, the other has the gift of knowing when to sustain and when to bend a note, and can combine those effects into a spine-chilling transcendental performance of pure magic. That's excellence, and it's art for me.

Sometimes excellence is apparent, but not always. It can take an appreciation and knowledge of a specific art form to understand where the creativity lies. Over my lifetime I've been fortunate in acquiring an understanding of various disciplines and that experience helps me to see or hear the talent, and discover the magic.



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Tanya Lyons

February 26 – March 30, 2013

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February 26 – March 30, 2013

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February 28

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March 14

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March 19

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March 24

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Highlander arts

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan
2. *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci
3. *Beach Strip* by John Lawrence Reynolds
4. *Notorious Nineteen* by Janet Evanovich
5. *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* by Donna Morrissey

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill
2. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solaylee
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton

Beach Strip by John Lawrence Reynolds, the Haliburton County Public Library's Book of the Month for February, is now our third most popular title. This new Canadian mystery novel is narrated by Josie, a surprisingly realistic female voice from a male author.

When Josie's detective husband is found dead outside their Hamilton beach front home, his police department colleagues declare his death to be a suicide. All the evidence points in this direction, but Josie is not convinced. Who in their eccentric community is responsible for murdering Gabe? As Josie proceeds with her own investigation, more bodies pile up and the police begin to suspect she is being stalked by a pervert – she knows she is not safe, but who from?

With mystery, humour and even a touch of Hamilton's local history, *Beach Strip* is a solid "whodunit" that is sure to keep the reader guessing. You can reserve your copy of *Beach Strip* from your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

If you are interested in joining a book club but don't want to be bogged down by set times and locations, you'll be glad to hear that the library now has 24/7 online book club. Visit our website for information on how to join (www.haliburtonlibrary.ca). Our theme for February is romance!

Finn receives Jubilee award

By Matthew Desrosiers

With her art hanging on the walls of Fleming College's great hall, Carole Finn was called upon to receive a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal in front of her peers, colleagues and friends.

The ceremony was held at the college on Feb. 25.

"This commemorative medal is a tangible and lasting way to pay tribute to 60,000 Canadians whose achievements have benefitted fellow citizens, their communities, their organizations and the country," said Tony Tilly, Fleming College's president, describing the jubilee medal. "It provides an opportunity to look back and recognize those who made Canada what it is today."

Finn's artwork was on display in the great hall of the Haliburton campus.

"It's quite fitting that the setting for this celebration today has Carole's work on the walls, but it's also quite apt to say Carole's

work also includes the walls," Tilly said. "Carole has been a dedicated community volunteer in Haliburton."

Tilly described Finn as a teacher, an artist, mentor and a fundraiser.

"She is a champion of the arts community," he said. "This is a moment in which Carole joins people from across the country who have been recognized for their support in the development of [their] communities."

Finn shared credit for the award with her colleagues.

"I think of all the people who, through all the years, worked every bit as hard as I have," she said. "They were supportive, they came with their ideas... one person that I want to say thank you for being there and being one of my best friends for such a long time is Barb Bolin."

Finn said without that friendship she would not have been as successful as she was.

"It's a wonderful thing to be in this community."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Carole Finn received a Diamond Jubilee medal on Feb. 25.

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Highlander business



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Chamber rewards business achievement

Barb Bolin was named Highlander of the Year and the Minden and Haliburton Hospital Auxiliaries received the Warden's Award at this year's Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement awards.

The ceremony was held at the Haliburton Legion on Feb. 23.

"I have met so many wonderful people through all the organizations that I've been a part of," Bolin said during her acceptance speech. "It's made my life so much fuller."

County Warden Carol Moffatt said she picked the winners of the Warden's award because they were unsung heroes.

"I wanted to give this award to people who are quietly working away in the background," she said. "They raise money for all departments at their respective sites." Top left: Wayne Lavery presents Brandi Hewson of WAI Products Ltd. with the Entrepreneur of the Year award. She also won the Customer First award. Top right: Barb Bolin receives her Highlander of the Year award from Chamber president Eric Thompson. Middle: Alan Gordon accepts the Tourism and Hospitality award from Andrea Hagarty on behalf of the Kosy Korners. Gordon also won Best New Business for Haliburton RPM. Above: Katie Hammerschmidt of Haliburton Chiropractic & Massage Therapy won the Business Achievement Award. Left: Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH Community Services, accepts the Not-For-Profit of the Year award from Richard Wannan. Photos continue on page 11.

Highlander business



Photo by Tofflemire Photography

The 2013 Business and Community Achievement award winners are, from left: Trevor Chaulk, Chaulk Woodworking; Barb Bolin; Judith McNealage, Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary; Gena Robertson, SIRCH Community Services; Katie Hammerschmidt, Haliburton Chiropractic & Massage Therapy; Joan Stinson, Minden Hospital Auxiliary; Alan Gordon, Haliburton RPM; and Brandi Hewson, WAI Products.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Left: Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt (left) presents Joan Stinson and Judith McNealage with the Warden's Award for the Haliburton and Minden Hospital Auxiliaries. Right: Jerry Walker presents Trevor Chaulk of Chaulk Woodworking with the award for Skilled Trades and Industry.

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Highlander sports

Eagles power through Storm

Peewee A's drop game five in overtime, lose playdown series 3-2

Submitted by Jon Petrie

And so it ends.

As Smolen Dentistry's Peewee A's skated off with heads bowed low through the din of the Ennismore Eagles' celebration, so ends another year for the Highland Storm. And it was a heartbreaker.

After playing like ghosts the night before in a 4-0 loss that allowed Ennismore to tie the series at two games apiece, the do-or-die game five in Minden had all the makings of an absolute classic. Both teams came out flying but misfortune struck early as one of our star players was forced to leave the game within the first few minutes. Although Ennismore scored on the ensuing five-minute power play, our boys responded to the adversity and put forth one of their strongest efforts of the year. Chances were traded at both ends and our squad fought hard, having to kill off several penalties as Parker Smolen stood tall in net, once again.

In the second period, birthday-boy Shawn Walker's shot from the point found the back of the net to tie it. Then in the third, the crowd erupted as Kyle Cooper curled to the outside and ripped a beauty, top shelf to take the lead. But with five minutes left, Ennismore rallied once again to tie it on the power play and take us into overtime.

What a dramatic finish.

At one end it looked like we had it. As Ennismore scrambled in front of their net, our boys came ever-so-close to putting

the winner, but it was not to be. The same play moments later in front of our net brought a different result and Ennismore skated away victorious. It was a valiant effort but on this day it was not meant to be.

Just like that, it was over. And so to, the end of so many little treasures that accumulate over a season: the long car rides through unexpected snow storms, the anxiety of parents when their child makes a mistake and the explosion of pride when they make a great play. The knowing glances from weary parents at late-night practices, the coordination of carpools and sleepovers following the game, the endless supply of quarters given to younger siblings in order to sugar-coat the negotiation of their presence, the high fives after a great play and the silent rides home after a tough loss. The hotels, mini-stick tournaments and late-night pool parties. The texts back and forth to spouses in other towns in order to keep tabs on games several hours in the other direction, the endless discussions spent strategizing on how our team can play better and the tireless effort from our phenomenal coaching staff: Barry Boice, Kirk Cooper, Jim O'Neill, Ashley Walker and Tom Prentice. The warm and unexpected support from friends, grandparents, uncles and aunts that come out to cheer our children throughout the year, the meeting and gradual relationships that develop after spending so many hours together at the arena, the badgering of officials who have THE most difficult and thankless job in Canada, the poutine and failed attempts at trying to eat healthy, the parents you meet from other towns that end up being just like you but from another perspective, the anxious moments before game time, the fretting over injuries and the encouraging words from other parents to your children.

The hopes and dreams dashed at one end as the other celebrates to fight another day. Small-town hockey is great, isn't it? See you all again next year as we do it again.

Dogsled Derby races on

By Matthew Desrosiers

You could hear them barking from the road.

Dogs, eager to run through the Highland wilderness, skier or musher and sled in tow, let their excitement be heard on Feb. 23-24 for the Haliburton Dogsled Derby at the Pinestone Resort.

The event was hosted and organized by Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

Tanya McCready, one of the organizers, said the two-day event was great.

"Mushers love the event held at the resort," she said. "They love the trail, area and good snow conditions."

McCready said the derby brings mushers together for a great weekend and provides a boost to the Haliburton economy. They had 67 racers over the course of the weekend, participating in different events from skijoring to four and eight-dog sled races. Kids were also involved in some of the events.

Karen Koehler, a teacher at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden, took part in the one-dog five-kilometre skijoring event. She left for North Pole, Alaska, on Feb. 27 to compete in the International Federation of Sled-dog Sports (IFSS) World Championships.

This was her last race before the big competition, she said.

"You want to taper your training down a little," said Koehler. "I took it easy. It was just for fun, which is good." Koehler said the conditions on the trail were great.

"The trails were amazing. A little soft because it's warm, but the grooming was unbelievable, the best I've had here."

Koehler's first race starts March 1. It's a two-dog, 10-kilometre race over two days. From there, the rest of her races are single-day events she'll be running with her faithful Norwegian-bred dog, Bundle.

Visit the Highlander online at www.haliburtonhighlander.ca to track Koehler's progress throughout the next week. We will have regular updates and photos.



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Highlander life

Frost Centre faces uncertain future

Part 2 of 2

By Lisa Harrison

The Ontario Ranger School in Algonquin Highlands became the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre in 1974 to the delight of local residents and visitors.

Thirty years later the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) announced the first closure of the centre, and this year it appears Frost's vision may completely disappear.

For local residents, the Dorset area property's 1974 rebirth meant ongoing jobs. For visitors it meant hands-on natural sciences training while camping in an unspoiled environment.

George Hamilton says the facility was in good shape and staffed with good people when he arrived as the first director, leaving him free to assemble the education specialists.

Hamilton's 10-year tenure overlapped that of education specialist Barrie Martin, who coordinated public education for 28 years. The team of educators developed school curricula, professional development for teachers and weekend programs for interest groups.

"When we started we were more concentrating on the pure science aspect like forestry, biology, geology, fisheries management and that sort of thing," says Hamilton. "Then as the years went by [it became] more of an ecology mixture of how the various sciences are blended in nature."

"We won a number of different awards for the work that we did there, not the least of which was the Amethyst Award, which was the highest award given to civil servants," says Martin. "That was about a year before it closed. Nothing fails like success."

The MNR closed the centre in 2004, stating its management was not a core function and projecting savings of \$7 million over four years. The lands returned to the province's realty corporation, now Infrastructure Ontario (IO).

"I figured somebody didn't understand really how useful

the program was," says Hamilton. "By 2004, the province had gone out of resource management... They quit producing trees, they closed all the fish hatcheries and sort of reverted to a 'let nature have its way' sort of thing."

The closure angered the community, visitors, and charitable support group Friends of the Frost Centre. Martin says the province received hundreds of letters. Protests were organized at the Minden MNR office and Queen's Park.

The province reconsidered, conducting a public request for proposals. Members of the Friends participated with corporate backing, but lost to Toronto businessman and Boskung Lake cottager Al Aubry.

Aubry launched the Frost Centre Institute as an environmental and arts education summer camp in 2007.

"The kids that came through had a great time and we had a great relationship working with the University of Guelph," says Aubry. "We also helped several hundred kids from Big Brothers Big Sisters [of Canada] come through and they had a great experience."

Aubry projected five years for self-sufficiency, but funds dwindled and the institute closed in 2010.

IO now plans to sell 19 acres along Highway 35 on which the buildings stand and transfer the remaining 21 acres to the MNR.

The township leases office space in the old summer kitchen for its hiking, Nordic ski/snowshoe and water trails



Photo submitted by Barrie Martin

Men and women of all ages enjoyed the Frost Centre.

program. The former ranger towerman's cabin serves as a heritage structure, equipment access point and heated shelter for winter trail users.

The trails program reaches into 60,000 Crown acres and is one of the few in the province to approach breaking even financially, says Mark Coleman, parks, recreation and trails manager. It attracts visitors from across the province and around the world. Many are inspired to

settle, thus boosting the township's economy.

"If I had a dollar for every time someone asks me what's happening [to the centre], I'd be a millionaire," says Coleman.

Those with experience say Frost Centre renovations would be costly and year-round programming is essential to turning a profit.

Reeve Carol Moffatt says the township hasn't expressed an interest in purchasing it and many residents don't want their taxes spent on that.

The MNR renewed the township's land use permit until March 2014, but ended program funding. Moffatt says the township is seeking clarification on the ongoing status of the offices.

The township's municipal cultural plan project reveals numerous residents still consider the Frost Centre a valuable heritage site and would like to see it shine again somehow.

Moffatt predicts IO will need upwards of a year to complete the necessary tests in preparation for a sale.

That leaves time to tell whether the Frost has another life in it.

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Haliburton Chiropractic & Message Therapy - Business Achievement Award

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WAI Products - Entrepreneur of the Year

Kosy Korner - Tourism & Hospitality Award

Minden Pharmasave - Innovation & Creativity Award

SIRCH Community Services - Not for Profit Award

RPM Haliburton - New Business Award

Chalk Woodworking - Skilled Trades & Industry Award

Barb Bolin - Highlander of the Year

Minden Hospital Auxiliary & Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary - Warden's Award

A sold-out crowd enjoyed Networking, Celebration and FUN, at the 7th Annual

Business & Community Achievement Awards. Planning for next year's Gala starts

soon - help shape next year's event... join the Gala Team!

Highlander events

MARCH 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
FEB.			
Haliburton Legion's Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 1 p.m.	Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 Mini-Buck Euchre - Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Centre, 7 p.m.		3
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
	The Grief Journey, a free bereavement support group - Haliburton Family Medical Centre Board Room, 7-8:30 p.m. The group meets for 13 weeks, every Tuesday. For more information call Sue Bain at 705-457-2570 or Pat & Doug Hardy at 705-286-3635.	Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330 Volunteer Income Tax Program - Wilberforce Legion, 2-3:30 p.m., continuing every Wednesday until April 24.	6
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
	Country Music Jamboree - S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m.	10	
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) Bid Euchre, every Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, every Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Radio Club, every Friday, 10 a.m. Fish & Chips, every Friday from 5-7 p.m. Darts, every Friday, 7:30 p.m. NFL on the big screen, every Sunday (food available), 12 p.m. Open every Saturday from 12-5 p.m.	Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Ken McFarlane Memorial Fishing Derby - Saturday, February 23rd. To register visit the Legion by close on Friday, February 22. You can also register at the Fishes Lunch Box, 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 23. Weigh in - 3-6 p.m. at the Legion - \$15/participant. Participants must be present to collect prizes. Cash to the first 5 winners plus Prize Table.	
Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon - 2 p.m. Cribbage, 1-3:00 p.m. Bid Euchre, every Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, every Wednesday, lunchtime Ladies Darts, every Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, every Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, every Friday, 7 p.m. Meat draw, every Saturday, 2 p.m. Pancake & sausage breakfast, 8-11 a.m.		

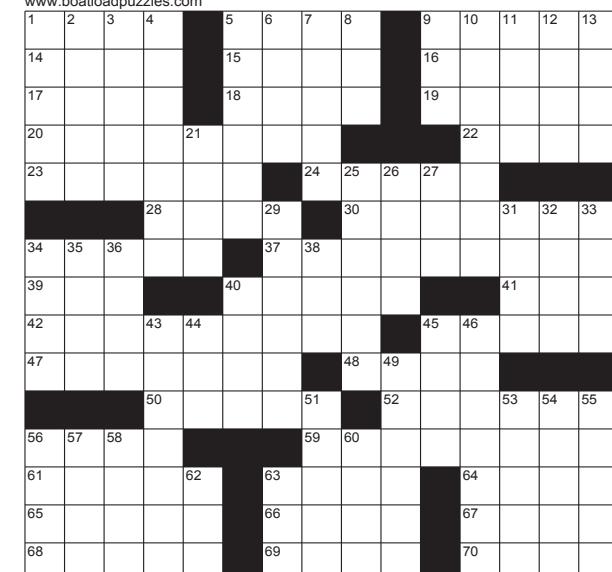
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Last week's puzzle solutions

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ACROSS

- Attention-getting sound
- Halo wearer
- Bargain bonanza
- Archie Bunker's wife
- Flaring star
- Shakespeare's river
- Bert's friend
- Beam
- Delicate
- Professional speedster
- Prank
- Apparel
- Mailbox item
- Royal rule
- Toledo's lake
- Biology, e.g.
- Farewell, to Pierre
- span
- Performed
- Town's announcer
- Young fellow
- Act of shunning
- Fruit skins
- Small dog breed
- Gender
- Alert
- Mother _____ (missionary)
- Singer _____ Collins
- Showing lots of particulars
- Sound
- Slight advantage
- Roof edge
- Tire pattern
- 18-wheelers
- Dance move
- Witness box
- Remainder
- Portable shelter

DOWN

- Racetrack animal
- Boot out
- Aquatic mammal
- African trip
- Greedy
- Hermit
- Wind direction (abbr.)
- Always, poetically
- Police drama
- Andean mountain native
- Row
- Seasoning plant
- Bolivia's neighbor
- Admiration
- Froster
- Card game
- Moneymaker
- Egyptian river
- Brat's stocking stuffer
- Outcomes
- Comedian Sandler
- Opera star
- Revered one
- Facial spasm
- Juan's house
- From Naples
- Lawn moisture
- Earnest request
- Weirdest
- Verify
- Comedian _____ Murphy
- Please greatly
- deadly sins
- Highly skilled
- Touches lightly
- Harm
- Brainstorm
- Hen products
- Unusual
- Mess up

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A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

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Highlander classifieds



Employment Opportunity

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for a

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Reporting to the Director of Community Services, this position is responsible for creating, implementing and sustaining Council and community based organizations and groups in recreation, tourism, cultural affairs and economic initiatives. As an integral member of the restructured team of Community Services, key responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Proactively establish and foster positive relations with a wide variety of community organizations and actively search out partnerships that address the changing needs of the community.
2. Assist with community development initiatives and strategic volunteer developments.
3. Assist with promoting and facilitating community partnerships that support the delivery of programs and services in the Township

Qualifications:

You have a proven track record of leadership success that focuses on community development. You have demonstrated project, people, contract and financial management capabilities along with report writing, and public consultation skills.

A post-secondary degree or diploma in Education, Communications, Public Relations, Community Development or a related discipline plus a minimum of two (2) years' experience working in the municipal sector or related field and experience working with volunteers, preferably at a volunteer co-ordination or management level. Salary will commensurate with experience and skills.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon Thursday, March 14, 2013 to:

Clerk's Office
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne St, PO Box 359
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Attention: Janette Loveys, Director of Community Services

Letters of application together with a detailed resume of education may also be submitted with "CDC Employment Opportunity" in the subject line to sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

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If you are an experienced or new graduate nurse, interested in joining our healthcare team, please send your resume by March 15, 2013 to:

Human Resources
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
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EVENTS*Please Join Us!**Stag N Doe*

Saturday, March 2, 2013
7:00pm

Minden Legion

\$5.00 ADMITS ONE

*Cherri and Gavin***OBITUARIES****Paul Way** (Resident of Essenville, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with Ruby by his side on Thursday evening, February 21, 2013 in his 72nd year. Beloved husband of Ruby Way (nee Holland). Loving father of Andrew (Leslie) of Mt. Albert and Jeffrey (Carole) of St. Stephen, N.B. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Robert, Ethan, Savannah, Trevor, Sidney, Lia, Naomi, Andrea and Shannen. Predeceased by his daughter Melanie. Dear brother of David and Patricia. Predeceased by his brothers Kenneth, Ronald, Clifford and sister Nancy. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Paul was an extraordinary elementary school teacher who taught at all of the public schools in Haliburton County and supplied in Hastings County. Paul was an active member of Lakeside Baptist Church, a Director of the Haliburton 4C's and was faithful and dedicated to his family.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Park Street Haliburton on Saturday morning, March 2, 2013 for a Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Spring interment Essenville Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209. As expressions of sympathy donations to Lakeside Baptist Church Benevolent Fund, Haliburton 4C's or Water Ambassadors would be appreciated by the family.

**NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2013 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS**

Under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216, the province and the County of Haliburton enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect the County roadways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the Highway Traffic Act and County By-Law #2216:

As outlined in the Highway Traffic Act and County of Haliburton By-Law #2216, reduced loading will be in effect in the County of Haliburton effective 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2012..

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act and the By-Law, unless otherwise specified, are not valid on any County Roads during the Reduced Loads Period.

Reduced load limits will be in effect where and when signs are posted.

WHEN SIGNS ARE POSTED, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL HAVE A REDUCED LOAD LIMIT FOR THEIR ENTIRE LENGTH:

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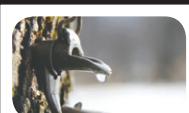
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Bilingual folk singer performs in school

Haliburton County members of the Canadian Parents for French organization are using music to augment French learning in schools.

On Feb. 25 they brought in bilingual performer Mike Ford, formerly of the band Moxy Fruvous, to perform for students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS). Ford performed three times at the school and then again that evening at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

The folk singer made a second appearance and played shows for students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on Feb. 26.



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The Computer Guy Hotmail is dead



By David Spaxman

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Switching your account over takes almost no effort, just log into Hotmail then click Settings at the top right. You will see the option to convert to Outlook.

Though Microsoft was pleased at the sudden growth of Outlook.com users, David Law, director of product management for Outlook.com was asked about how many of the 60 million users were just converts from Hotmail's existing 350 million or so accounts. Law wouldn't say what the number was, though he did say you would be surprised how many were totally fresh.

Law was forthcoming about a different statistic, one that demonstrates Microsoft's target. About one third of the current Outlook.com users are, or at least were, also Gmail users.

One of its only obvious problems is that of branding: Because it's called "Outlook," many people (naturally) assume that it is some kind of Web client for managing any e-mail account. It's not. It's a free service, like Gmail, Yahoo mail or Hotmail, that provides you with an e-mail account. So don't go asking if you can create an Outlook.com account and then add your corporate e-mail to it, because that's like asking if you can take Google Maps and stick MapQuest into it.

For questions or comments e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!

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Highlander food

Growers trade seeds

Exchange helps growers save their seeds

By Matthew Desrosiers

Nothing tastes as good as fresh-picked veggies from the garden. But before you can pick them, you have to grow them.

And growing them requires the right seed.

On Feb. 23, farmers and vegetable growers gathered at Zion United Church in Carnarvon for a seed exchange and potluck, hosted by Haliburton in Transition (HiNT).

"A seed exchange basically promotes the use of open pollinated seeds, especially heirloom varieties," said Kaarina Blackie, exchange organizer.

Open pollinated means the seeds can be saved from year to year and are true to type. You get the same vegetables from them year after year.

Heirloom seeds are all open pollinated but have a history behind them, she said. Some are 50 years to 100 years old.

"They're passed down in a family," Blackie said. "The most important part is that they can be saved. We can be more resilient, save our own seed and not have to buy it year to year."

This is the third year for the exchange. This year, 42 families joined up to purchase seeds. They spent \$2,000.

"We did a purchase together, which was all heirloom varieties," Blackie said. "We shared seed packages, and by sharing people spent less money but got a greater variety of seeds."

At the exchange, some of the purchased seeds were available for sale or trade. Growers also brought their own seeds in for trade.

"You could trade seeds, give away seeds, and some of the seeds people purchased traded those as well."

Blackie said more and more people are becoming aware of the benefits of saving seeds.

"We're still new as a county to [saving seeds]," she said. "I have tons and tons of saved seeds, especially tomato seeds... but mostly people at this point are trading store-bought seeds."

"It's a work in progress."

The seed exchange was a HiNT event. Haliburton in Transition was established in 2011 as an Environment Haliburton (EH!) initiative.

"Our focus is local food, local economy, getting more people to grow their own food, encourage permaculture techniques, and we've put on some workshops about fermentation and preserves."

For more information on HiNT, visit www.transitionnetwork.org/initiatives/haliburton-transition-hint.

Food for Thought

Midwinter's comfort

By Will Jones

Christmas is done, Valentine's Day is past but still winter remains. Even the blossoming of Easter doesn't necessarily signal the end of the cold season here in Haliburton. And so, with these chilly thoughts in mind, this month's Food for Thought is rutabaga, a wonderfully versatile winter veg that has many names – swede, turnip, even yellow turnip – but which is often overlooked as we pass down the aisle at the grocery store.

In this recipe rutabaga is the binder for a dish that will warm the heart and stomach of anyone, even on the frostiest morning, frigid day or bitterest night. Yes, this dish is good for breakfast, lunch or supper, paired with sausages, bacon or simply a lovely ladleful of baked beans.

Ingredients to serve four

500g of rutabaga	50g of butter
500g of floury potatoes	4 large eggs
100ml of whole milk	Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees (Gas 6). Peel the rutabaga and chop into golf ball size pieces. Drop into a saucepan, cover with water and bring to the boil. Simmer until tender, which will take about 30 minutes. Drain and return to the hot pan and allow to steam for about five minutes.

Cook the potatoes in the same way in a separate pan. Heat the milk and butter together until hot but not boiling. Add the potato and mash it until smooth. Mash the rutabaga in its own pan and then add to the potatoes. Season with salt and pepper and mash the combined mixture until you have a fluffy texture.

Spread the mash in a large shallow baking dish, making four round cakes of about 1.5 inches thick. If the mash is still warm pop it in the oven for about five minutes to get it piping hot. If you're using cold mash give it 15 minutes to make sure it is hot.

Remove from the oven and use the back of a spoon to make a hollow big enough to crack an egg into in each mash cake. Carefully break an egg into each hollow and return the baking tray to the oven for eight to 10 minutes, until the egg whites are firm but the yolks are still runny.

Serve with a good grind of black pepper.



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